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THE PROBLEM

To estimate whether the British and French intend to expand the area of ground operations beyond the immediate area of the Suez Canal.

THE ESTIMATE

1. We believe that the UK government probably did not intend, and does not now intend, to expand military action beyond the immediate area of the Suez Canal.
2. The French almost certainly wish to go further than the British but, being unable to act independently of the British, will follow the latter's policy.
3. The course of events might operate to change this intention—e. g., if UK and

French forces along the canal are severely harassed by the Egyptians, and, possibly, the Sweetwater Canal blocked.*

4. It seems to us more probable that events will act to restrict UK and French military operations to the Suez Canal area, and possibly to curtail them below present intentions. These events include: (a) the recent Soviet threat to use force, (b) the large and growing popular opposition in Britain to the entire venture, and (c) the pressure of world opinion as shown both in the UN and elsewhere.

* The Sweetwater Canal, which runs from the Nile River to Ismailia, is the source of fresh water for the entire canal area.

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